

STATE OF MONTANA STANDARD LEASE CONTRACT 2001

1. PARTIES

This lease # **6436** is entered into this 6th day of February, 2002, by and between the Montana Department of Corrections, PO Box 201301, 1539 11th Avenue, Helena, MT. 59620-1301, hereinafter referred to as the "Department" and Vale Creek Ranch Inc., PO Box 345, Great Falls, MT. 59401, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor."

2. PURPOSE OF LEASE

The Department has a need to lease premises in Great Falls, Montana for the purpose of office space and Vale Creek Ranch Inc has premises available for lease that are suitable for stated purpose. The Contractor and the Department therefore agree as follows:

3. PREMISES DESCRIPTION

The area of space being leased consists of 752 square feet and includes the right to use common areas within the leased premises. The premises are located at 2300 12th Avenue, Suite 112, Great Falls, MT.

4. TERM OF LEASE

This lease shall originate on the 15th day of February 2002, and shall terminate on the 14th day of February 2005, unless earlier terminated as provided in Sections 14, 20 or 22 of this lease.

5. CONSIDERATION

The annual amount of rent the Department shall pay to the Contractor the first year is \$ 7,850.88, paid in two semi-annual payments of \$ 3,925.44. This reflects a rate of \$ 10.44 per square foot, per year. This lease rate shall increase by two percent (2%) annually, beginning March 1, 2003.

The Department shall make lease payments without the need for a separate invoice from the Contractor. The lease payments are due on the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September respectively. The Contractor may, by written request to the Department, receive lease payments by electronic fund transfer.

6. RENEWAL OPTION

The Department shall retain the option to renew this lease for a period of up to three (3) additional year(s) upon its expiration, with the same terms, conditions, and payment formula as contained in this lease. The Department shall notify Contractor of their intent to renew this lease at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the original term of this lease. All lease renewals are subject to prior approval by the Department of Administration as provided in section 26.

7. UTILITIES AND SERVICES

The Contractor shall furnish and pay all utilities (i.e., gas, water, sewer, electricity) and janitorial as detailed in the Janitorial Attachment "A", made a part hereof by reference.

8. PARKING SPACE

As a part of this lease agreement, the Contractor agrees to provide a minimum of three (3) parking spaces, in addition to the requisite number of handicapped spaces necessary to comply with the American With Disabilities Act. This parking space will be provided to at no additional cost to the Department.

9. PARKING AREA AND SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Contractor agrees to keep the parking area and sidewalks in good repair and to timely remove snow and ice from the parking area and sidewalks.

10. NOTICE PROTOCOL

All notices required by this agreement shall be in writing, properly addressed to the representatives listed herein. Written notice shall be deemed given when hand delivered or when mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the addresses specified in this section.

The Contractor's address for purpose of receiving notice is listed in Section 1 and the representative for purposes under this lease is Thomas Workman, telephone (406) 452-3161.

The Department's address for the purpose of receiving notice is listed in Section 1 and the representative for purposes under this lease is Karen Duncan, telephone (406) 444-4390.

If either party changes its address or contact person, it must notify the other party in writing at the address provided in this section.

11. QUIET ENJOYMENT

The Department has the right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment and utilization of the leased premises for the term of this lease upon paying the rents as provided and upon Department adherence to performance conditions set forth by and in this lease.

12. INSPECTION

Upon sufficient prior notice, the Department shall permit the Contractor or its agent to enter into and upon the premises at all reasonable times to maintain or inspect the building in which the leased premises are located or to make repairs, alterations, or additions to any portion of the building including, but not limited to, the erection and maintenance of scaffolding, canopies, or fences as may be needed.

13. MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES

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Contractor shall, at its own cost and expense, keep and maintain in good working order and repair during the term of this lease or any extension thereof, the exterior of the premises including the roof, the interior, all fixtures in the building except those owned by the Department, and all plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and electrical circuits. The Contractor, at its own cost and expense shall be responsible for the replacement of light bulbs, fluorescent tubes and other lighting elements and shall do so within seven (7) working days after notification.

The Department shall notify the Contractor in writing immediately of any damage or need for repair. Contractor shall make or cause to be made the necessary repairs as soon as possible after receiving notice. The Department shall be financially responsible only in cases of damages resulting from the Department's negligence or that of its employees.

Should the Contractor fail to make or begin to make necessary repairs within thirty (30) days after U. S. Postal Service postmark of written notification of damages by the Department to the Contractor, the Department may then make necessary repairs at the Contractor's expense at the lowest reasonable cost.

An itemized statement of repairs made by the Department under this section, including receipt verification of labor and materials may be tendered in lieu of full or partial payment of rent due for the succeeding months until the cost of the work performed is fully credited against rent due under this lease.

14. CASUALTY OR FIRE DAMAGE

In the event the leased premises becomes twenty-five percent (25%) or more destroyed or made uninhabitable by fire or other casualty, or if the premises are condemned by a proper authority, this lease may be terminated by the Department.

If the premises are less than twenty-five percent (25%) destroyed or made uninhabitable by fire or other casualty, the rent shall be reduced by the proportion the premises have been rendered uninhabitable or declared unsafe. For the purpose of this section, other casualty includes, but is not limited to, vandalism.

If the premises are not restored, or cannot be restored, and returned to proper condition for use and occupancy within thirty (30) days of the casualty, then either the Contractor or the Department may terminate this lease on ten (10) days written notice to the other party.

Upon written notice of termination under this section, the Contractor shall refund any unearned rent paid by the Department, and the Department shall have no further obligation to the Contractor under this lease. Contractor shall continue to insure the premises until Department's personal property is removed from the premises. The Department shall have 30 days after termination of this lease to remove its property from the premises.

15. ALTERATIONS TO PREMISES

The Department will not make substantial alterations to the premises without prior written consent of the Contractor.

16. SIGNS

The Contractor shall install on the exterior of the premises a suitable sign or signs to advertise the Department's presence in and on the premises.

17. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE

The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, and save the Department, its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their duties as such, harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense thereof, arising in favor of the Contractor's employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death, or damage to property arising out of services performed or omissions of services or in any way resulting from the acts or omissions of the Contractor and/or its agents, employees, representatives, assigns and subcontractors under this lease.

18. INSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS

a. Property

At its sole cost and expense, the contractor shall keep the building and all other improvements on the premises insured throughout the term of the agreement against the following hazards:

- Loss or damage by fire and such other risks (not including earthquake damage) in an amount sufficient to permit such insurance to be written at all times on a replacement costs basis. This may be insured against by attachment of standard form extended coverage endorsement to fire insurance policies.
- Loss or damage from leakage or sprinkler systems now or hereafter installed in any building on the premises.
- Loss or damage by explosion of steam boilers, pressure vessels, oil or gasoline storage tanks, or similar apparatus now or hereafter installed in a building or buildings on the premises.

b. General Liability

- General Liability: the Contractor shall purchase Occurrence coverage with combined single limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million aggregate per year for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. The Contractor shall name the Department as an additional insured as respects general supervision, products, premises, access to the premise and completed operations. This insurance must be from an insurer licensed to do business in Montana or a domiciliary state and with a Bests rating of no less than A-. The Contractor must provide 30 days written notice to the Department of any material change in coverage including cancellation and that the Department reserves the right to request copies of the Contractors insurance coverage at any time.

The Contractors insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the Department, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Department, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractors insurance and shall not

contribute with it.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS

The Contractor must comply with all applicable state and federal law. This includes, but is not limited to, the Montana Human Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, PL 101-336, and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Contractor agrees to conform with all rules and regulations adopted under the Montana Safety Act and the Act itself. The Contractor further agrees to comply with the ordinances and laws of the City of Great Falls and the State of Montana affecting the use of the premises and to assume all legal responsibility for any charges or damages for non-observance.

The Contractor agrees to provide the Department of Administration, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, or their authorized agents access to any records concerning this lease.

The Contractor agrees to create and retain all records supporting the services rendered or goods delivered for a period of three years after either the completion date of this lease or the conclusion of any claim, litigation or exception relating to this lease taken by the state of Montana or a third party.

The Contractor warrants that the leased space is ADA accessible and compliant.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that no leak, spill, release, discharge, emission or disposal of hazardous or toxic substances has occurred on the leased premises to date and that the soil and groundwater on or under the leased premises are free of toxic or hazardous substances as of the date that the term of this lease commences.

The Contractor represents and warrants that the leased space shall be free of all asbestos containing materials, except undamaged vinyl asbestos floor tile in the space or undamaged boiler or pipe insulation outside the space. Radon levels in the demised premises shall not equal or exceed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) action level for homes or 4 picocuries per liter (PCI/L).

If at any time, the Department determines that the demised premises poses a significant environmental hazard to its employees, this lease may be terminated with a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice.

21. HOLDOVER TENANCY

In the event the Department holds the premises beyond the terms of this lease, in the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, it shall be deemed a month-to-month tenancy subject to all terms and conditions of this lease. This holdover tenancy may be terminated at any time by either the Contractor or the Department by means of a 30-day written notice delivered prior to the beginning of the final month.

22. TERMINATION

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The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that the Department, as a state agency, is dependent upon state and federal appropriations for its funding. In the event state or federal government funds available for this purpose are reduced, the Department may cancel this lease by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor.

The Department shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount which would have been payable had the lease not been terminated under this provision. The Department shall be liable to the Contractor only for the amount owed to the Contractor up to the date the Department vacates the premises.

If either party to this lease defaults in the performance of any term or condition of this lease, the other party may give the defaulting party notice of the default, which notice shall specify the action required to correct the default and a period of time of not less than (30) days within which to correct the default. If the default is not corrected within the time specified in the notice, the party not in default may terminate this lease without further obligation under this lease, other than obligations incurred or accrued to the date of termination.

At the expiration or termination of this lease or any extension of it, the Department will vacate and surrender the premises to the Contractor in as good condition and repair as when it took possession, reasonable wear and tear excepted. All property and fixtures placed in the premises by the Department or owned by the State of Montana may be removed by the Department within thirty days of termination.

23. SEVERABILITY

It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that if any term or provision of this lease is held to be illegal, void or in conflict with any Montana law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected. The rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if this lease did not contain the particular term, condition, or provision held to be invalid.

24. VENUE AND INTERPRETATION

The Contractor and Department agree that this lease shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Montana. In the event of a dispute arising over this lease, the proper venue for the hearing of the case is the District Court of the First Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the County of Lewis and Clark.

25. SUCCESSORS

All rights and liabilities herein given to or imposed upon both parties shall extend to, be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

26. LEASE APPROVAL

This entire lease, in addition to any change, alteration, or renewal thereof, addendum, amendment, or letter of understanding, is subject to prior approval by the Department of Administration.

27. ENTIRE LEASE

This contract, consisting of eight (8) pages, Sections 1 through 29 and Attachment "A" - Janitorial Specifications, contain the entire contract between the Contractor and the Department. Any lease hereafter made shall not be effective to modify this lease unless such agreement is in writing and is signed by both parties to the original lease and the Department of Administration.

28. SUBLEASE

The Department shall have the right to sublet the premises to a Sublessee, with the consent of the Contractor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

29. SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

The Contractor shall make the portions of the building occupied by state agencies smoke-free. "Smoke" means smoke from a lighted cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted tobacco product as defined in 50-40-202, MCA.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Contractor and the Department have entered into and executed this lease:

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Thomas Workman
Vale Creek Ranch

Date

DEPARTMENT

By: _____
Gary Willems, Contracts Manager
Department of Corrections

Date

PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

By: _____
Garett M. Bacon
Leasing Officer

Date

THIS LEASE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

ATTACHMENT "A"
JANITORIAL SPECIFICATIONS

All janitorial work, equipment and supplies necessary to accomplish the duties described will be furnished by the Contractor.

1. The janitorial supply list includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Hand towels and toilet tissue;
 - b. Restroom hand soap for dispensers;
 - c. Trash can liners; and
 - d. Entrance or walk-off mats.
2. Daily Requirements:
 - a. Floor sweeping and damp mopping all tiled areas.
 - b. Clean and sanitize plumbing fixtures, and toilet rooms (sinks, showers, toilets, mirrors, etc.)
 - c. Vacuum carpet, using industrial type vacuum cleaner with a power head in entrance area and hallways.
 - d. Remove all trash from building.
 - e. Cleaning supplies: re-stock toilet tissue, towels, soap, sanitary napkins, etc. in restrooms.
3. Weekly Requirements:
 - a. Complete dusting of all offices.
 - b. Vacuum all areas of carpeting.
 - c. Clean interior glass by each doorway.
4. Semi-annual Requirements:
 - a. Glass Cleaning - all external windows leased by the Department (October and May).
 - b. Carpet Cleaning - all carpeted areas in space leased by the Department shall be cleaned using professional process carpet cleaning equipment.
 - c. Clean all light fixtures.